

Quigley	Schrader	Thompson (CA)
Rahall	Schwartz	Thompson (MS)
Rangel	Scott (GA)	Thompson (PA)
Rehberg	Scott (VA)	Thornberry
Reichert	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Reyes	Serrano	Tiberi
Richardson	Sessions	Tierney
Rodriguez	Sestak	Titus
Roe (TN)	Shadegg	Tonko
Rogers (AL)	Shea-Porter	Towns
Rogers (KY)	Sherman	Tsongas
Rogers (MI)	Shinkus	Upton
Rohrabacher	Shuler	Van Hollen
Rooney	Shuster	Velázquez
Ros-Lehtinen	Simpson	Visclosky
Roskam	Sires	Walden
Ross	Skelton	Walz
Rothman (NJ)	Slaughter	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Watson
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Watt
Ruppersberger	Smith (TX)	Waxman
Rush	Smith (WA)	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Snyder	Welch
Ryan (WI)	Souder	Westmoreland
Salazar	Space	Whitfield
Sánchez, Linda	Speier	Wilson (OH)
T.	Spratt	Wilson (SC)
Sanchez, Loretta	Stark	Wittman
Sarbanes	Stearns	Wolf
Scalise	Stupak	Woolsey
Schakowsky	Sutton	Wu
Schauer	Tanner	Yarmuth
Schiff	Taylor	Young (FL)
Schmidt	Teague	
Schock	Terry	

NAYS—2

Paul Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—21

Barrett (SC)	Hastings (WA)	Pingree (ME)
Campbell	Hinojosa	Radanovich
Carson (IN)	Hoekstra	Sullivan
Dahlkemper	Jackson Lee	Turner
Davis (AL)	(TX)	Wamp
Deal (GA)	Markey (MA)	Wasserman
Fallin	Massa	Schultz
Garamendi	Pascarell	

□ 1640

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 83, I did not vote, but intended to vote "yes."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRIGHT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later in the week.

□ 1645

CONGRATULATING NFL CHAMPION
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1079) congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1079

Whereas, on February 7, 2010, the New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31 to 17 to win the National Football League (NFL) Championship;

Whereas the Saints' victory is the first championship in the franchise's 43-year history;

Whereas the 2009 season was the best in Saints franchise history, including an unprecedented 13-game winning streak;

Whereas Saints owners Tom Benson and Rita Benson LeBlanc have invested in the success of the Saints and have been remarkable in revitalizing this storied franchise and promoting a strong and united New Orleans and Louisiana;

Whereas Saints General Manager Mickey Loomis has been successful in building an outstanding team by drafting new players and signing key free agents;

Whereas Doug Thornton, Senior Vice President of Stadiums and Arenas, helped the Saints return to New Orleans through his integral role in rebuilding the Superdome after Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Coach Sean Payton, with the help of Defensive Coordinator Gregg Williams, Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael, Jr., and all of the Saints' coaching staff, led the team to its first National Football Conference (NFC) Championship and first ever Super Bowl victory through leadership and a winning philosophy;

Whereas the Saints led the league with an average of 31.9 points and 403.8 yards per game during the 2009 regular season;

Whereas, in the 2009 regular season, the Saints eclipsed team records in most points and most touchdowns in a season and most interceptions returned for a touchdown in a game;

Whereas Saints quarterback Drew Brees set an NFL record by completing 70.6 percent of his passes during the 2009 regular season; Whereas Drew Brees, Darren Sharper, Jahri Evans, Jonathan Vilma, and John Stinchcomb of the Saints were named to the 2010 NFC Pro Bowl squad;

Whereas Drew Brees was named the Most Valuable Player for Super Bowl XLIV;

Whereas during Super Bowl XLIV—

(1) the Saints accumulated a total of 332 yards;

(2) quarterback Drew Brees passed for 288 yards, threw 2 touchdowns, and tied a Super Bowl record with 32 pass completions;

(3) Marques Colston led the Saints in receiving with 7 catches for 83 yards;

(4) Saints kicker Garrett Hartley set a Super Bowl record with 3 field goals of over 40 yards each; and

(5) Thomas Morstead's perfectly executed onside kick to start the second half and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter were integral in the Saints' victory and will forever be remembered by the "Who Dat" faithful;

Whereas Saints owner Tom Benson, during the Lombardi Trophy presentation at mid-field, said "Louisiana, by the way of New Orleans, is back. And this shows the whole world. We're back.";

Whereas the Saints' motto all year has been "Finish Strong";

Whereas the Saints repeatedly have been called a beacon of hope for the city of New Orleans and a catalyst for recovery throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region;

Whereas the Saints have positively influenced and lifted the morale of the people in

New Orleans and throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints are headquartered in the 1st Congressional District of Louisiana in Metairie, Louisiana;

Whereas ESPN's Wright Thompson in his article "Saints the Soul of America's City" captured the essence and importance of the Saints to the city of New Orleans and noted the resilience of this year's team by stating, "It's perfect, isn't it? The expansion team whose first roster was created from players unwanted by other teams has finally found success with a similar group."; and

Whereas the 2009 Saints are evidence of what can be accomplished when self is set aside and a teamwork mentality is adopted by all of the players: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the New Orleans Saints, the team's coaches and players, and the loyal members of the "Who Dat" Nation on winning Super Bowl XLIV; and

(2) recognizes—

(A) the New Orleans Saints as the soul of New Orleans; and

(B) the significant contributions made by the team in the recovery efforts of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast Region.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MELANCON) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CAO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MELANCON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am proud to present House Resolution 1079 for consideration. This resolution congratulates the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

House Resolution 1079 was introduced by my friend and colleague, Representative JOSEPH CAO of Louisiana, on February 9, 2010, and enjoys the support of over 70 Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, on February 7, 2010, after a hard fought and dramatic game, the New Orleans Saints, playing in their first ever championship game, defeated the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV. The victory is the first championship in the Saints' 43-year history and caps a truly remarkable season for the franchise. The Saints finished the regular season with a franchise best 13 wins and 3 losses.

During the 2009 season, they led the National Football League in average points per game and yards per game. Furthermore, the 2009-2010 Saints set franchise records for most points and most touchdowns in a season, as well as most interceptions returned for a touchdown in a single game. Still, it